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## Note verbale dated 20 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to its note verbale dated 5 October 2000, has the honour to request that the above-mentioned note verbale be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 169, entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations".

The Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

New York, 20 October 2000

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## Annex to the note verbale dated 20 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to draw the latter's attention to the necessity of relocating the Kingdom of Cambodia from group (c) to group (d) in the scheme for the apportionment of the costs of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

In this regard, the Kingdom of Cambodia requests that the matter be included for consideration under agenda item 169 entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations", at the earliest available opportunity.

Since the introduction of the scheme for the apportionment of the costs of the United Nations peacekeeping operations with the adoption of General Assembly resolution 3101 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, Cambodia has been placed in group (c). However, it is significant to point out that, as a result of three decades of wars, conflicts, unrest and economic crisis, Cambodia is now categorized as one of the least developed countries in the world, with an average per capita gross national product (GNP) of US$ 260 per annum (source: World Bank World Development Indicators Database 1999); Cambodia's per capita GNP is lower than that of a number of countries placed in category (d).

While the Kingdom of Cambodia has been consistently fulfilling its financial obligations to the United Nations, it also believes that the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the peacekeeping operations should correctly reflect the current economic situation of the country, and the relocation of Cambodia from group (c) to group (d) will underline the seriousness of the United Nations in its attempts to be more transparent in its decision-making process to achieve the goal of overall reform.

The Royal Government of Cambodia believes that, considering the above facts, its request will be regarded positively.

The Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

New York, 5 October 2000